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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: David E. Heitzman  
Application No.: 10/694,507  
Filed: October 27, 2003  
Title: FIFTH WHEEL PIN BOX ASSEMBLY  
Group/Art Unit: 3611  
Examiner: Lum Vannucci, Lee Sin Yee  
Attorney Docket No.: 735-002 Mor/ryde

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**Rule 116 Amendment**

Kindly amend the claims of above said subject application in accordance with the submitted and attached claim amendment sheet. The amendments relate to allowed or conditionally allowed claims and thus place the application in condition for allowance.

**Remarks**

This is in response to the final office action of April 21, 2005. In the office action, claims 2, 6 and 7 were objected to and claims 3-5, 9, and 11 – 23 were allowed. Claims 1 and 8 were rejected.

In the accompanying amendment, the subject matter of conditionally allowed claim 2 has been added to claim 1. Additionally in claim 1 the rubber shear spring has been further amended to indicate that a single rubber shear spring is utilized. Conditionally allowed claim 2 has been cancelled. Claim 6 which depended upon claim 2 has been amended to indicate its dependence now on amended claim 1. Thus, all